



INTEGRATOR

EDITORIAL SECTION

ICRN

In the last RACQUETTE a plan for the future of the ICRN was proposed by Craig Bond, editor. The editorial claimed the support of the editor of the INTEGRATOR for the plan. However, the editor of the INTEGRATOR did not completely agree with all the proposals put forth by Craig. This week the INTEGRATOR will present its proposal for the expansion of the ICRN into a true Inter-College Radio Network from its present status as a Clarkson College Radio Network with a few state members.

Since Clarkson now owns all the physical plant and equipment of the ICRN, it would not be fair to just blanketly turn over half of the ownership of this equipment to the SGA. Rather, we propose that the SGA first agree to establish at its own expense a studio on the State campus which will serve as a second studio for WTSC-FM. Hopefully, this investment will bring State's investment to a level near that of Clarkson's. Then a program can be undertaken to combine State and Clarkson into an ICRN under a new constitution giving control and ownership of the network to a board consisting say of 4 members from each college with a faculty advisor from each college. The control of the new ICRN must not be assumed in any way by the administrations of either college. The new ICRN must remain in student hands.

The effect of this plan would be to have two studios for WTSC-FM, one on each campus, thus taking advantage of both Clarkson and State student announcers and activities. Broadcast of State concerts would be much easier with a studio at State, while the studio at Clarkson would continue to make broadcasts of hockey games easier. WNTC would be left in the middle of the two schools at its present location. It must be recalled that Clarkson students working on WNTC have to walk farther than State students would to get to the studio. Thus the fact that State students at the present have to walk two blocks to get to WNTC is no argument for moving it to State.

The opportunity exists through this plan of creating a radio network which would be a great asset to the colleges and the Town of Potsdam. However, to make a plan like this work, both student bodies must co-operate. At the moment Clarkson has students which State needs for a successful radio station and State has students Clarkson needs for a good radio station. The sooner we get together and pool our resources, the sooner we will realize that in this case one plus one is greater than two and the sooner we will have radio stations which are the best in the North Country.